

## **Know What You Believe** (via Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology)

The existence of God and the reliability of His Word are the keys to defending our faith!

### *The Doctrine of the Word (Lesson #1)*

What are the different forms of the Word of God?

A. The "Word of God" as a Person: Jesus Christ

#### **Rev 19:11-16 NIV**

**11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

#### **John 1:1-2 NIV**

**1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.**

#### **1 John 1:1 NIV**

**1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. (from New International Version)**

B. "The Word of God" as Speech by God

#### **Gen 1:3-5 NIV**

**3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.**

#### **Ps 33:6-7 NIV**

**6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.  
7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;  
he puts the deep into storehouses.**

#### **Heb 1:2-4 NIV**

**3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to their.**

C. God's Words of Personal Address

**Gen 2:16-17 NIV**

**16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."**

**Ex 20:1-3 NIV**

**1 And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.**

**Matt 3:17 NIV**

**7 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**

D. God's Words as Speech Through Human Lips

**Deut 18: 18-20 NIV**

**18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. 19 If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. 20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."**

**Jer 1:9-10 NIV**

**9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth.**

**Ez 13:1-7 NIV**

**13:1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are now prophesying. Say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the LORD! 3 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! 4 Your prophets, O Israel, are like jackals among ruins. 5 You have not gone up to the breaks in the wall to repair it for the house of Israel so that it will stand firm in the battle on the day of the LORD. 6 Their visions are false and their divinations a lie. They say, "The LORD declares," when the LORD has not sent them; yet they expect their words to be fulfilled. 7**

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**E. God's Words in Written Form (the Bible)**

**Ex 31:18 NIV**

**18 When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.**

**Deut 31:9-13 NIV**

**9 So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. 10 Then Moses commanded them: "At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, 11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people--men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns--so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. 13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."**

**1 Cor 14:37 NIV**

**37 If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command**

**2 Tim 2:15 NIV**

**15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.**

**2 Tim 3:16-17 NIV**

**16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

**Josh 1:8**

**Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed. NLT**